

Change Record Detail With Description

Department of Environmental Conservation

Scenario: FY2002-2003 Homeland Security Amended (2511)

Component: Prevention and Emergency Response (2064)

BRU: Spill Prevention and Response (208)

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											PFT	PPT	NP	
FY2002-2003 Homeland Security														
FY 2002 24-Hour Emergency Alert Status														
	Inc	250.0	148.4	15.9	33.6	4.1	48.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6	0	0	
1004 Gen Fund	250.0													

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Funding will enhance the State's capability to respond on a 24-hour basis to hazardous material spills with special emphasis on releases that might result from acts of terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction. This request will provide partial year funding for six positions needed to ensure 24-hour readiness to respond to emergencies associated with potential terrorist actions.

DEC currently maintains a primary response cadre consisting of 35 staff who are tasked with responding to oil and hazardous substance incidents throughout the State. Staff currently perform standby duties to ensure an immediate response to any and all oil and hazardous substance incidents. With the additional Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) planning and response tasks, staff will also be required: 1) to fully support the 24-hour, State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) operation; 2) coordinate response actions closely with Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Teams located in Anchorage, Fairbanks and in communities programmed to receive funding to field HAZMAT Teams (e.g., Juneau, Kodiak, Kenai, and Valdez); 3) respond and assist HAZMAT Teams with WMD incidents. Other tasks include: expanding the HAZMAT preparedness capability statewide through community spill response agreements; establishing additional HAZMAT teams in other communities; expanding training (for both HAZMAT teams & local responders); and designing, purchasing, deploying and training with the decontamination equipment.

1. What is it about each item that makes it unique to homeland security?

Prior to the September 11 incident, primary responders were fully engaged in oil and hazardous substance spill planning and response functions. These six additional staff will provide expanded coverage in order to man the SECC with response personnel, but more importantly to coordinate closely on WMD response issues and respond alongside HAZMAT Teams throughout the State.

2. How will the state be safer with each item funded at the requested amount?

Prior planning and an integrated response effort between Federal, State, and local responders will significantly reduce response times and contribute to a much more efficient response effort with the ultimate goal of reducing the degree of danger and injury to citizens of the State.

3. What risk will the state face if the item is not funded?

DEC's primary response corps will be less prepared and understaffed to effectively plan, coordinate and respond to a WMD incident. The overall risk will be heightened if the potential adversary is aware of this and other envisioned weaknesses in the State's capability to respond to terrorist incidents.

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FY 2003 24-Hour Emergency Alert Status														
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Totals		850.0	580.7	80.9	127.3	7.1	54.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6	0	0